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## AIR-BORNE TROOPS TO GIVE PROTECTION TO FAMILIES OF BRITONS IN EMPLOY OF THE ANGLO-IRANIAN OIL COMPANY

### Five Damaged Axis Ships Captured At Bandarshahpur

BRITISH AND INDIAN TROOPS ENTERED IRAN AT THREE POINTS EARLY MONDAY MORNING, states the text of the first communiqué issued yesterday in Simla on the operations in Iran, says Reuter.

Naval and air co-operation enabled the landing of a force in ABADAN and a small detachment of Indian troops also secured BANDARSHAHPUR, where two damaged German ships, three Italian ships, only slightly damaged, and two further German ships which have been beached, were captured with their crews.

Bandarshahpur is the Persian Gulf railhead of the sole important railway in Iran, running from there through TEHERAN to BANDARSAH on the Caspian coast.

Abadan, to the West on the Iraq frontier, is the headquarters of the Persian Oil Refinery. STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY AIR-BORNE TROOPS TO GIVE PROTECTION TO THE BRITISH FAMILIES IN THE EMPLOY OF THE ANGLO-IRANIAN OIL COMPANY.

British and Indian troops, including infantry and armoured units, advanced simultaneously into Iran from KHANAQUIN (on Iraq-Iran frontier) and 100 miles to the North-West of Baghdad.

The oil installation at NAFTISHAH and the small town of QASRISHIRIN were occupied without serious opposition.

Leaflets have been dropped by R.A.F. bombers on Teheran and other towns, explaining the reasons for the operations and stressing that Britain has no quarrel with the Iranian people and no designs on their independence or territory.

The British and Soviet move into Iran captured the headlines in New York morning newspapers and monopolised the attention of radio commentators.

The news has produced a wave of enthusiasm coupled with a realistic analysis of the benefits accruing from this step, says a Reuter message from New York.

The British justification for the action is wholeheartedly endorsed while opposition circles have been favourably impressed by this display of British resolution.

The German indignation provided radio commentators with comic relief at Dr. Goebbels' expense and it was felt that the Germans could do little to assist Iran.

#### THE ONLY COURSE

Britain and Russia, in entering Iran, took the only course that remained open to them since the Iranian authorities either would not or could not recognise the danger to their country from Nazi agents inside Iran—that is the consensus of British newspaper opinion on this "first opportunity of joint military action with our new allies" which meets with unanimous approval.

There is considerable satisfaction at this "former policy of suicidal inaction."

Turkey, in particular, it is said, should be reassured in view of her past criticisms of British weakness.

Hope is expressed that the Iranian authorities will, even now, realise that their country's interests will be best served by expelling the Nazis and not "imitate the pitiful folly of Vichy in spilling in-

#### DOUBLE MERIT OF ENTRY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—The joint Anglo-Soviet entry into Iran has the double merit of cementing the alliance between Britain and Russia and scorning a very dangerous potential threat both to the Caucasus and Britain's Middle East position," writes the newspaper Palestine Post.

Observing that there could be no doubt that the preparations for a typical Nazi putsch were far advanced, the newspaper declares:

"In the circumstances, the British and Soviet Governments could not long delay inescapable steps designed to ensure that Iran should not become another Rumania."

The influential Arab newspaper, Falastin, welcomes the Allied action with headline: "Allied march represents resolute, prompt and timely action—Anglo-Soviet drive not designed to undermine the sovereignty of Iran."

### Today's News Summary

STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY AIR-BORNE TROOPS to give protection to British families employed at the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. It is stated, in a communiqué from Simla—the first on the operations—that British and Indian troops entered Iran from three places early on Monday morning. Surprise has been expressed in Turkey at the action coming so soon.

THE LABOUR PARTY IN AUSTRALIA YESTERDAY demanded the resignation of the Menzies' Cabinet to make way for a Labour administration after rejecting the Premier's offer for the formation of an all-Party Government. The Menzies' Cabinet, however, has decided to remain after a five-hour meeting when the Labour demands were considered.

MANNHEIM AND KARLSRUHE WERE ATTACKED by Bomber Command aircraft on Monday night in spite of unfavourable weather. Enemy air activity over Britain was, once again, on a very small scale.

THE AUTHORITIES OF INDO-CHINA HAVE ISSUED an order forbidding any transmission of further details concerning the Japanese occupation or of Japanese troop movements.

#### NEW EAST AFRICAN MILITARY COMMAND

A new EAST AFRICAN MILITARY COMMAND has been created, says Reuter Bulletin.

LIEUT.-GENERAL W. PLATT, C. B. D. S. O., has been appointed General Officer Commanding and he will be under the direct orders of the War Office.

The appointment was made owing to the virtual termination of the operations in Abyssinia and in order to allow the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, General Sir Claude Auchinleck, to devote his time to other theatres of war.

Lieut.-Gen. A. G. Cunningham, who was G. O. C. East Africa, has been transferred to a command in the Middle East.

#### Hazardous Venture

#### AUSTRALIAN AIR CHIEF IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—

Lieut.-General V. A. H. Sturdee, Chief of the Australian General Staff, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Stewart Burnett, Chief of the Air Staff, R.A.A.F., arrived by a military plane from Australia.

They saw Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham and also visiting Australian land and air units in Malaya.

#### WILFUL REFUSAL

THE TIMES writes: "The final reply of the Iranian Government—with its vague reference to the presence of foreigners and its wilful refusal to recognise any grounds for concern—left Great Britain and Russia with no option but to act."

"It makes little difference whether the Iranian Government had been inspired by sympathy with German designs or by fear of the

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### MENZIES' CABINET TO REMAIN FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF DEMANDS MADE BY LABOUR PARTY

THE MENZIES' CABINET HAS DECIDED NOT TO RESIGN FOLLOWING A FIVE-HOUR MEETING TO CONSIDER THE LABOUR PARTY'S DEMANDS.

An earlier Reuter message from Canberra stated the Labour Party declined Mr. Menzies' offer to form a National Government and was demanding the resignation of the present Government to make way for a labour administration.

This was conveyed to Mr. Menzies in a letter from Mr. J. Curtin, the Labour leader, stating that a workable parliament is essential for the prosecution of the war.

It adds that Mr. Menzies' letter asking for a National Government had indicated his inability as Prime Minister to give Australia a stable Government.

Mr. Curtin adds that a Labour Administration would expect the same measure of co-operation as given by the Labour Party to the present Government.

#### MORE MUNITION WORKERS IN AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—It is officially announced that the number of munition workers since the outbreak of war has increased by 2,000 per cent.

Thirty million sterling capital expenditure has been approved.

The machine tool and precision tool industry has been created and rifle output doubled and probably quadrupled before the end of the year.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—After conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles, the Iranian Minister told reporters that there were no German agents in Iran and that the Russo-British allegations were "only a pretext" for invasion.

#### LADY DUFF COOPER

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Mr. A. Duff Cooper's wife, Lady Diana Duff Cooper, has arrived and is leaving tonight for Singapore by Clipper.

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#### 150 Thousand Japanese In Indo-China

SINGAPORE, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—The "silence" order regarding Japan has caused considerable speculation here, where it is freely credited that the Japanese are endeavouring to cover up some important military preparation.

Reliable foreign reports from South Indo-China state that the Japanese have at least 150,000 men already installed in that country.

The Authorities of Indo-China have issued an order forbidding any transmission of further details concerning the Japanese occupation or of Japanese troop movements, says Reuter.

In spite of the limit of 40,000, which was imposed under the terms of the recent settlement.

Apart from certain garrisons at Camranh, Cape St. Jacques and Saigon, Japan's whole expeditionary force is being sent toward the That border, according to reports from the latest travellers arriving here from Indo-China.

Meanwhile, large amounts of war material and equipment are being disembarked, including field-pieces, trench-mortars and some "seventy-fives," with a large number of tanks and heavy artillery.

SEEKING BERTHS IN JAPANESE SHIPS

TOKYO, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—It is understood that 23 American Government officials, including about 10 from Soviet Russia, are leaving for Kobe by train this morning to embark on the Tatsuta Maru on Thursday for Shanghai.

It is believed also that the majority of those who booked passage for America by the Nittsu Maru will be accommodated in the Tatsuta Maru.

A number of latecomers, as yet unascertainable, are reported to be urgently seeking berths in the same Japanese ship. They are believed to include a number of Britons.

**MOSCOW, Aug. 26 (Reuter)**—The Soviet admission that the Red Army, after the fiercest fighting, was obliged to withdraw from Novogrod, means that the struggle will not be continued in the immediate neighbourhood of that city.

It can safely be assumed that, with emphasis here being placed on holding Leningrad, the Red Army will put up the maximum effort between Novogrod and the main railway between Leningrad and Moscow, some 40 miles to the east.

This region abounds with woods and copes and some additional obstacles offered to the German advance are the small rivers Volkov and Asta.

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### MOST AMAZING DEVELOPMENT IN RUSSO-NAZI WAR

Deputising for Major Allen Murray, who is on holiday, MR. ROBERT JOHNSTON, a South African journalist, in a commentary on the news broadcast from London last night, said that the most amazing development in the Russo-German war was the fortitude of the Russian people who were fighting side by side with the soldiers with a resolution that transcended sheer courage.

Regarding the advance of British and Soviet forces into Iran, Mr. Johnston said that we had been forced to go there because Germany compelled us just as in Iraq and Syria. In the latter two places we were a little too late to avoid bloodshed but we were quick enough to upset Hitler's well-calculated plans for a drive into the Middle East which would have been dangerous, to say the least of it.

The drive would have been a threat to the safety of all the Arab countries and the security of India and a fatal blow would have been dealt to Turkey who would have been "squeezed."

FOR TURKEY'S GOOD

The move into Iran was for the good of Turkey, Britain, Russia and Iran itself.

Mr. Johnston added that nowadays there seemed to be several degrees of neutrality and, since the days of Norway, we had learned a lot.

The capture of several German and Italian ships in Iranian ports had raised much speculation as to the reason for their being there.

An interesting point to note in the campaign, said Mr. Johnston, was that Britain had sent air-borne troops to safeguard British subjects and, as far as he knew, this was the first time that we had used air-borne troops with the exception of those who were dropped in Southern Italy some months ago.

As the production of the city's many industries are being maintained at full blast during the training of the city guard, which is done in the workers' spare time, they are taking some strain.

The high standard of defences against aerial attacks, however, means that they have been able to sleep and there is no question but that the morale of the city is of the highest.

### BATTLES ALONG WHOLE FRONT

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—The Soviet communiqué states that during last night Soviet troops continued their battles along the whole front.

The German High Command laconically declares that operations are proceeding according to plan.

### ACTION AGAINST GAULLISTS

SHANGHAI, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—

The pro-Vichy JOURNAL DE SHANGHAI on Monday gave prominence to a Havas report concerning reprisals in France against the families of Gaullists in which it is stated:

"The Government is not prepared to remit the transfers funds in furthering the political action by a foreign power fighting against France."

#### EXAMPLE OF GERMAN EXAGGERATION

LONDON, Aug. 26 (BWS)—The German claim to have sunk 21 merchant vessels totalling 122,000 tons is an example of the exaggeration which accords ill with their comment on Mr. Churchill's speech that it is actions not words which count.

In fact, six merchant vessels and one ocean-going tug of a total tonnage of 11,000 were sunk out of the convoy of 21 merchant ships.

The Nazi exaggeration of words over the deeds is thus to the power of three as regards numbers and eleven as regards tonnage.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt has nominated Mr. Franklin E. Brode, the Solothurn-Geneva, to be Attorney-General of the United States.

### N.E.I. Money And Goods Traffic With Japan

BATAVIA, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Answering questions in the People's Council regarding money and goods traffic with Japan, M. H. J. VAN MOEK, Director of the Economic Department, pointed out that the N.E.I. Government is still busy working out various measures which are designed to avoid N.E.I. assistance to increase the maintenance of the Japanese war potential so long as Japanese action, which is felt as a direct threat, continues.

As N.E.I. exports to Japan are not extensive, a decrease in trade would not have serious repercussions on the N.E.I. export income, especially as goods which are much in demand by Japan are also in demand in other countries.

In order to handle the replacement of these imports, an import organisation has been established which would become the central buying organisation for the East Indies for certain groups of articles.

The disappearance of an important part of the imports from China in the N.E.I. requires that the importation of Chinese goods

be represented in the importation of Chinese goods.

## NEW SLAUGHTER-HOUSE BY-LAW ADOPTED

The fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council was held yesterday under the chairmanship of Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie. Other members present were Dr. N. C. Macleod (Deputy Director of Health Services and Vice-Chairman of the Council), Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves (Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans (Commissioner of Police), Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. B. Wong Tapie, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, M.B.E., Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary) and Mr. Im Ping-tsung (Assistant Secretary).

## APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES REFUSED BY URBAN COUNCIL

### No Scavenging Lane At Rear Of House

The following applications for licences were refused by the Urban Council at its fortnightly meeting yesterday:

An eating house for No. 47, Queen's Road East, ground floor, on the ground of inadequacy of kitchen space.

An eating house licence for No. 26, Wing Kut Street, ground floor. This house has no scavenging lane at the rear with the result that refuse had to be carried out through the front of the shop and there was no direct communication between the kitchen and the front premises. Furthermore, the building was in a dilapidated condition.

An eating house licence for No. 11, Hill Road, ground floor. These premises, said the Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, were being used for domestic purposes, very dirty and full of sub-tenants.

### CONGESTED AREA

A milk shop for No. 175, Queen's Road East, ground floor. The shop was being used for the sale of soya bean milk which was consumed on the premises. The house was situated in a congested area. Many warnings had been sent to the proprietor in respect of the condition of the premises.

For inclusion of the drying ground on Lot No. 6040, Hok Lo Village, to the food factory licence for Nos. 10 to 14, Tak Ku Ling Road, Kowloon City. This lot, said the Chairman, was surrounded by foul village-type sewerage. There was no Government main water supply, and the structure was in a dilapidated state.

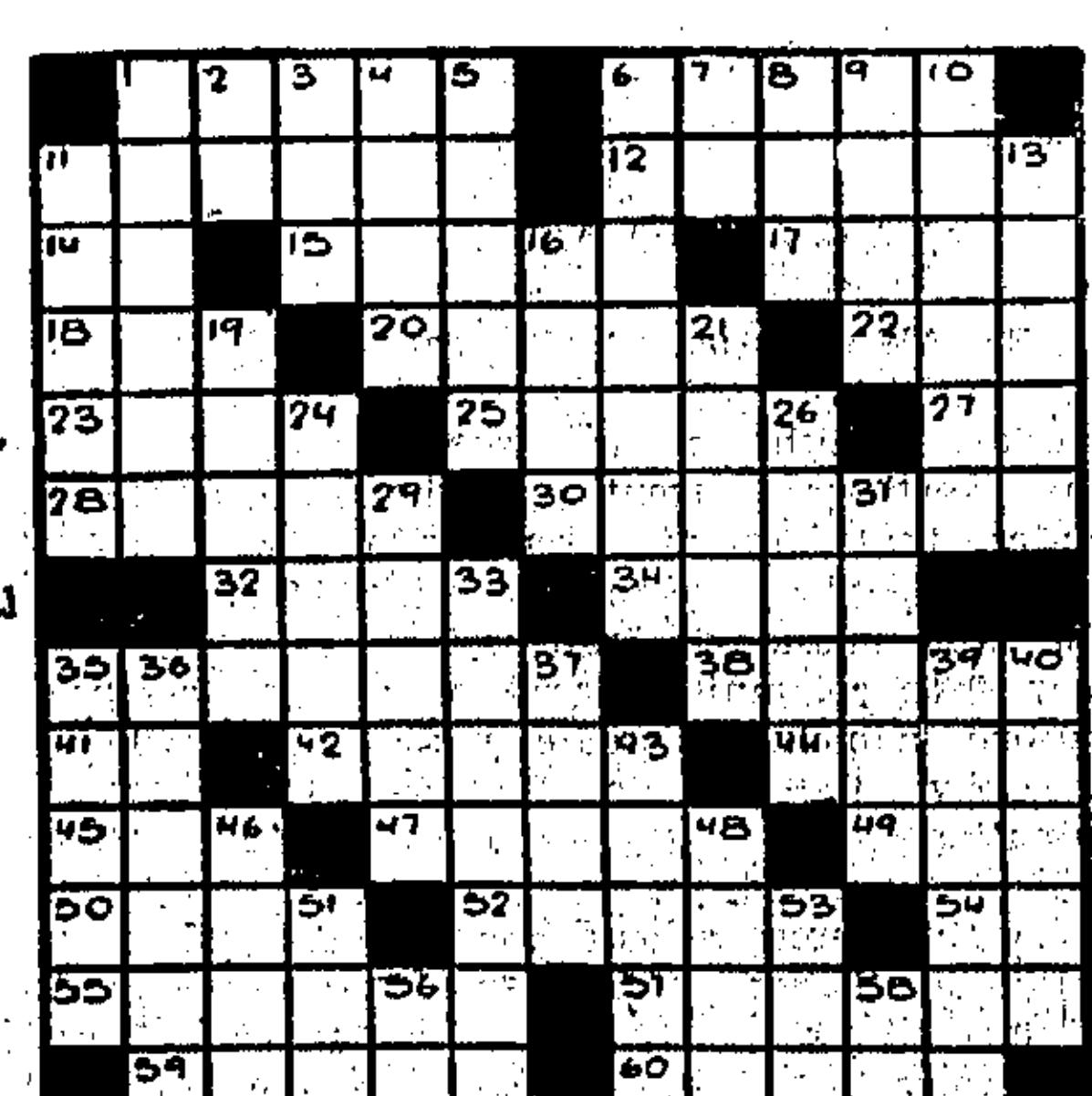
### LICENCES GRANTED

The following licences were granted by the Council between Aug. 12 and 25: Food shops (2), bake houses (3), milk shops (2), and advertisements, permission to erect neon signs (1).

## CROSSWORD NO. 963

### ACROSS

- 1 Erases
- 6 Foretold
- 11 Device for producing images
- 12 Opaque glassy composition
- 14 Part of "to be."
- 15 Competitor
- 17 Prima donna
- 18 Flying mammal
- 20 Wanderer
- 22 Border
- 23 Dry
- 25 Early strung instrument
- 27 Symbol for scutellum
- 28 Loaded
- 30 Perceived
- 32 Among
- 34 Anatomical wrinkle
- 35 Rescue
- 36 Turned-down collar
- 41 Symbol for aluminium
- 42 Hebrew precept
- 44 Unusual
- 45 Spread grass for drying
- 47 Primeval deity
- 49 Drink slowly
- 50 Wrong
- 52 Gallantry
- 54 Note of the scale
- 56 Plaid
- 57 Foiled
- 58 Chakchi snows
- 60 Friend of Pythias



- 1 Hottentot of South-west Africa
- 2 Painter's
- 3 Celtic Neptune
- 4 Ireland
- 5 Relish
- 6 Thrash
- 7 Forward
- 8 Father
- 9 Arabian chieftain
- 10 Invent
- 11 Secret association
- 13 Partially disabled
- 16 So be it
- 19 Pertaining to rise and fall of water
- 21 Harvard prize
- 24 Resign
- 26 Roll of tobacco
- 29 Loose turf in soil
- 31 Woman's work bag
- 33 Deduces
- 34 Palm-tree fruits
- 36 Football team
- 37 New Zealand tree
- 39 Ascended
- 40 Lukewarm
- 43 Dragged
- 45 Horrible
- 48 Short-lived star
- 51 Bulgarian coin
- 53 Butt violently
- 55 Symbol for neon
- 58 Perfume

SOLUTION TOMORROW

## SPORTING FIXTURES

### TODAY

BASKETBALL. — National U. v South China, 7.30 p.m.; Bark Union v. Yu Leang, 8.30 p.m.

TEENNIS. — "A" Division: I.R.C. v. S.C.A.A. K.C.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.

C.D.R. v. C.R.C. "C" Division: I.R.C. v. C.D.R. S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C. (1), C.C.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.

WATER-POLO. — European Y. M. C. A. Invitation Tournament, 36th R.A. v. 8th R.A. (Navy pool) 5 p.m.; Royal Navy "B" v. 96th R.A. (Y.M.C.A. Pool) 6.30 p.m.; Middlesex "A" v. European Y.M.C.A. (Y.M.C.A. pool) 7 p.m.; Middlesex "B" v. Royal Corps of Signals (Y.M.C.A. pool) 7.30 p.m.

### TOMORROW

MEETING. — Annual of Kowloon Golf Club, Kowloon City, 6 p.m.

SWIMMING. — European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Championships. "V" pool, 8 p.m.

TEENNIS. — "D" Division: P.O.R.C. (1) K.I.T.C. C.B.A. v. A.T.C.

**NEW BY-LAW**

The new by-law, to be known as by-law 3A, reads as follows: "Except with the permission in writing of the Council no unsalted fresh meat shall be brought into the premises of a pig-roasting establishment or used therein other than that which has been slaughtered in the Government slaughterhouses, or which has been imported from Canada, Australia or New Zealand or from such other localities as the Council may from time to time approve."

This amendment, explained the Chairman, was in continuance of those introduced on July 2 relating to slaughter-houses, restaurants, eating houses and food stalls, as it had been deemed advisable to include pig-roasting establishments in the list.

## WATER-POLO RESULTS

In the European Y.M.C.A. Invitational water-polo tournament played in the "Y" pool, Kowloon, last night, 8th R.A. beat Middlesex "B" by five goals to two.

In the same pool, in the Army Small Units knock-out water-polo competition, Royal Signals beat Middlesex "B" Company by four clear goals. The scorers were Allen, McCann and Bigman (2).

## BOWLS SWEEP TO BE SUSPENDED

Sweeps on the Lawn Bowls League matches have contributed more than \$4,000 to the British War Organisation Fund.

The support this season, it is understood, has not been as good as it was last year, and it has now been decided to suspend the sweeps for the time being.

## RECREIO RINKS FOR SATURDAY

Club de Recreio will be represented by the following rinks in the Lawn Bowl League on Saturday:

FIRST DIV. "A":—F. X. Silva, C. M. Silva, J. E. Noronha, H. A. Alves (skip); L. Luz, C. E. Marques, L. F. Xavier, J. F. V. Ribeiro (skip); F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz, F. V. V. Ribeiro, C. Roza Pereira (skip).

FIRST DIV. "B":—E. L. Barros, D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, J. J. Basto (skip); F. H. Carvalho, E. de Souza, A. P. Pereira, J. C. Remedes (skip); C. F. Vas, H. R. Pinna, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues (skip).

THIRD DIV.:—G. A. Pinna, F. P. Soqueira, E. A. R. Alves, P. Yvanovich (skip); A. A. Lopes, E. Cunha, L. A. Rozario, M. F. Pimpa (skip); A. Ribeiro, G. A. Gutierrez, H. M. Xavier, M. Mendonca (skip).

## Teams For Saturday's Charity Soccer

The following have been selected to play in the charity football match on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Caroline Hill in aid of the funds of the Chen Chen-wo ("Darky" Chen) Scholarship.

HONGKONG.—Tam Kwan-kon (South China); Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao) and Lee Ting-sang (Sing Tao); Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao), Lam Tak-po (South China) and Kwok Ying-keung (Sing Tao); Tang Kwong-sum (Sing Tao), Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao), Chan Tak-fai (South China), Laf Shul-wing (Sing Tao) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

SHANGHAI.—Cheong Wing-choy (Sing Tao); Y. S. Yen (Eastern) and Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern); Kai Wing-foot (Sing Tao), Chang Kam-hoi (Eastern) and Lau Tze-chan (Eastern); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern); V. K. Hyui (Eastern); Lee Wai-tong (South China); C. T. Tsao (Eastern) and Lee Shek-yau (South China).

**SOLUTION NO. 962**

ACROSS: 1, Morse; 6, Notes; 11, Minuit; 12, Abides; 14, Al; 15, Brass; 17, Lire; 18, Ita; 20, Space; 22, Tur; 23, Norm; 25, Amend; 27, Pe; 28, Ended; 30, Entrees; 32, Bars; 34, Tear; 35, Mention; 38, Rigel; 41, El; 42, Sprat; 44, Nave; 45, Tie; 47, Simon; 49, Lap; 50, Ajox; 52, Tenor; 54, De; 55, Lamato; 57, Eraser; 59, Bates; 60, Sates.

DOWN: 1, Milton; 3, On; 3, Rub; 4, Slrs; 5, Etape; 6, Nascent; 7, Oh; 8, Th; 9, Edit; 10, Serape; 11, Maine; 13, Seris; 16, Same; 19, Arden; 21, Enter; 24, Meats; 26, Drain; 29, Drips; 31, Margal; 33, Societe; 35, Metal; 38, Elijah; 37, Name; 39, Divader; 40, Lepre; 43, Tuna; 46, Can; 48, Metal; 51, Yea; 53, Rav; 56, Ta; 58, Goo.

## PRETTY REGISTRY WEDDING



Mr. Low Hong-kui and his bride, formerly Miss Cissy Wen, photographed after their marriage at the Registry yesterday. (King's Studio).

## VINES IN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Stewart Alexander, the American North and South champion, leads a field of 150 players who, survivors of an original entry of nearly 700, are playing for the 64 match-play stage places in the American Amateur Golf championship.

Alexander, with 67, and Johnny Burke, with 68, are the only players breaking 72 which is par for the course.

Elisworth Vines, famous tennis player. Otto Greiner and Ted Bishop are each with 72, Marvin Ward, championship favourite, Johnny Goodman, former champion, and Glenn Outman, each with 73, with Richard Chapman, title holder, among several 74's.

## LOW—WEN

A pretty wedding took place yesterday morning at the Supreme Court Registry, before Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, when Miss Cissy Wen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wen Luen-ming, of 128, Kennedy Road, became the bride of Mr. Low Hong-kui, son of Mr. and Mrs. Low Ying-yong and assistant manager of T. H. Lee and Co.

The witnesses were Messrs. F. Fok and F. Lau.

The bride looked charming in a lace and net gown cut on Victorian lines with a long train and long tight sleeves, her tulle veil being held in place with a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a sheaf of arum lilies and tuber-roses.

Later, a dinner was held at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden where many friends and relatives came to congratulate the newlyweds.

The gown was designed by Elite Styles.

## OTHER CEREMONIES

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:

Mr. Lau Pak-kong, student, residing at No. 15 Lion Rock Road, and Miss Jean Gee, student, of No. 27 Lion Rock Road;

Mr. Lau Pak-kong, student, of No. 25 Jervois Street, and Miss So May-shun, of No. 14B Burd Street,

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

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## VISIBLE TRADE OF H.K. SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE

According to an official report released for publication by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports the combined values of the Colony's imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of July, 1941, totalled \$19.9 millions (£7.3 millions) as compared with \$19.0 millions (£7.4 millions) in July, 1940.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony increased by 0.8 per cent. in July, 1941, as compared with July, 1940; and decreased by 1.4 per cent. in terms of sterling.

Imports of merchandise in July, May ..... \$79.3 72.8 59.0 53.5 1941, totalled \$68.8 millions (£24.2 millions) as compared with \$66.6 millions (£23.5 millions) in July, 1940, and exports \$61.2 millions (£21.1 millions) as compared with \$62.4 millions (£2.9 millions).

Imports of merchandise in July, 1941, increased by 21.6 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 20.0 per cent. in terms of sterling. Exports of merchandise in July, 1941, decreased by 17.9 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 20.5 per cent. in terms of sterling.

During the first seven months of 1941 imports of merchandise totalled \$456.0 millions (£28.1 millions) as compared with \$476.2 millions (£29.4 millions) in the corresponding period of 1940; and exports \$353.7 millions (£21.9 millions) as compared with \$389.2 millions (£24.1 millions).

Imports of merchandise decreased by 4.2 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 4.4 per cent. in terms of sterling; exports decreased by 9.1 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 9.1 per cent. in terms of sterling.

### COMPARATIVE TABLE

The following table shows comparative imports and exports of merchandise during each of the seven months of 1941 as compared with the corresponding months of 1940 in \$'s and £'s sterling (in millions):—

	Imports	Exports
Jan.	\$60,072,236	\$52,858,254
(£3,723,227)	(£3,276,111)	
Feb.	\$55,289,067	\$38,005,485
(£3,426,770)	(£2,365,548)	
Mar.	\$68,521,327	\$52,492,210
(£4,246,895)	(£3,253,423)	
Apr.	\$65,802,289	\$52,438,387
(£4,082,090)	(£3,250,088)	
May	\$72,809,727	\$53,475,333
(£4,512,686)	(£3,314,357)	
June	\$64,703,516	\$53,210,878
(£3,942,871)	(£3,242,538)	
July	\$68,751,062	\$51,187,745
(£4,207,422)	(£3,132,583)	
April	\$72.1 65.9 58.7 52.4	Mean rate of exchange for July, 1941: H.K.S. 16. 2.11/16d.

## GOVERNOR AND LADY NORTHCOTE FETED BY CHINESE COUNCILLORS

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., and Lady Northcote were the guests at luncheon yesterday of the Chinese Members of Council at the residence of the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, at Pokfulam.

Among the guests were H.E. Major-General C. M. Malby, M.C., the Hon. Capt. A. C. Collinson, R.N., the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, K.T., LL.D., the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, K.T., LL.D., the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, Mr. Adulson E. Southard (U.S. Consul-General), Mr. T. N. Chau, C.B.E., Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. Kan Tong-po, Mr. Luke Oi-wan, Miss Rachel Smith, Capt. S. H. Battye-Smith, A.D.C., Capt. Macgregor, A.D.C., Lt. Gray, R.N., A.D.C., and Mrs. Gray, Miss Helen Kotewall, Mr. M. H. Lo, Mr. Tung Chung-wai, Mr. Li Koon-chun and Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, M.B.E.

The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, K.T., C.M.G., LL.D., and Miss Doris Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, C.B.E., and Mrs. Lo, the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam and Mrs. Tam, and the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong and Mrs. Li were hosts to the party.

### WELCOME EXPRESSED

Sir Robert addressed a brief speech of welcome to Lady Northcote, who returned to the Colony yesterday after a visit Home for some months, and also expressed the best wishes of the Chinese Members of Council and of the Chinese community to His Excellency and Lady Northcote on their impending departure.

His Excellency suitably replied.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote will be the guests tonight of Sir Shouson Chow at a Chinese musical evening at the Chinese Merchants' Club.

## SANITARY DEPT. ESTIMATES

At its fortnightly meeting yesterday, the Urban Council approved of the appointment of the following committee to consider the proposed changes in the Sanitary Department Estimates for 1942-43:—

Hon. Mr. W. J. Currie (Chairman), Dr. N. C. Macleod, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. A. el Arculli and Dr. S. N. Chu.

Correspondence relative to the appointment of Messrs. Ko Te-shun, Leung Tat-shing and Cheng Tam-yip as officers to act under Ordinance 6 of 1935 (section 2) and as Food Officers under Ordinance 13 of 1935 (section 2) was tabled by the Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. J. Currie.

## CHINESE POLICE SERGEANT FACES BRIBERY COUNTS: ALLEGED ACCEPTANCE

Further hearing was adjourned to this afternoon by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon in the case in which Police Sergeant O486, TONG KAU, 37, is charged with accepting \$2 as a bribe from Shek Wah, \$2 from Sik Lau-chu on July 16, and bribes of \$2 from Fung Yung, Yan, and Sang, Yip Yan and Chan Wing on July 17.

It was stated that all the witnesses in the case were recruits in the Police Training School and prior to being candidates on July 14, a large number of them were called to the Central Police Station and inspected by Mr. E. C. Luscombe, A. S. P.

Twenty-seven were picked out and on July 15, 16, and 17, in batches, they were taken by the defendant to Queen Mary Hospital for examination.

On July 19, information was received by Mr. Luscombe as a result of which Det.-Sub-Insp. C. H. Goodwin made enquiries.

It was alleged that six or seven of the witnesses gave \$2 each to the defendant on the verandah of the first floor of the main building at Central Police Station, as tea money.

### EVIDENCE CALLED

Shek Wah, 23, C71 in evidence, said that he was in the service of the Chinese detectives at Yau-mati Police Station prior to joining the Police Force.

On the morning of July 14 he was called to Central Police Station

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

### AT CENTRAL

#### LIFE BANISHEE

Li Po, 33, unemployed, of No. 192, Wanchai Road, first floor, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday when he was charged with breach of a deportation order.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison, prosecuting, said that accused was a life banishee and that this was his third return.

#### GAOL FOR SNATCHER

Appearing before Mr. Sheldon on a charge of larceny from the person of Lau Ma-lai, 23, spinster, of one handbag with contents, to the total value of \$4.80, Chan Fung-fuk, 28, unemployed, was convicted and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

#### A.R.P. TUNNEL THEFT

Charged with larceny of two pieces of wood valued at \$3 from the No. 9 A.R.P. Tunnel, Wong Chun, 40, unemployed, was sentenced to two months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. Sheldon.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

#### REMAND GRANTED

On the application of Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison, a remand of 72 hours was granted by Mr. Sheldon in the case in which Tam Kam-yuen, 28, unemployed, is charged with another not in custody, with having stolen two jewellery boxes valued at \$30, with contents to the total value of \$132 from No. 276 Hennessy Road, first floor, on Aug. 11.

The complainant in the case is Chi Shum, 44, manager of the Ying King Restaurant.

#### SHOPLIFTER CONVICTED

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on a married woman, Pun Wai-yin, 24, by Mr. G. T. Lowry when she was convicted on the charge of larceny of one woollen jersey valued at \$5.50 from the Sincere Company on Aug. 23.

Sub-Insp. Whelan prosecuted.

#### DEPORTEE IN COURT

Lam Yau, 22, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry when he was convicted on the charges of larceny of one gold ear-ring valued at \$10 from Wong Chun, 44, married woman, at Queen's Road Central on Aug. 23; and with breach of a deportation order.

Sub-Insp. Whelan prosecuted.

#### IGNORED COURT ORDER

Charged with breach of an expulsion order, Lee Ngau, 18, unemployed, was sentenced to one month's hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. Sheldon.

Det.-Sgt. Davies prosecuted.

#### MURDER CONVICTED

Charged with murder of Leung Pin, 30, appeared before Mr. Lowry when he was charged with

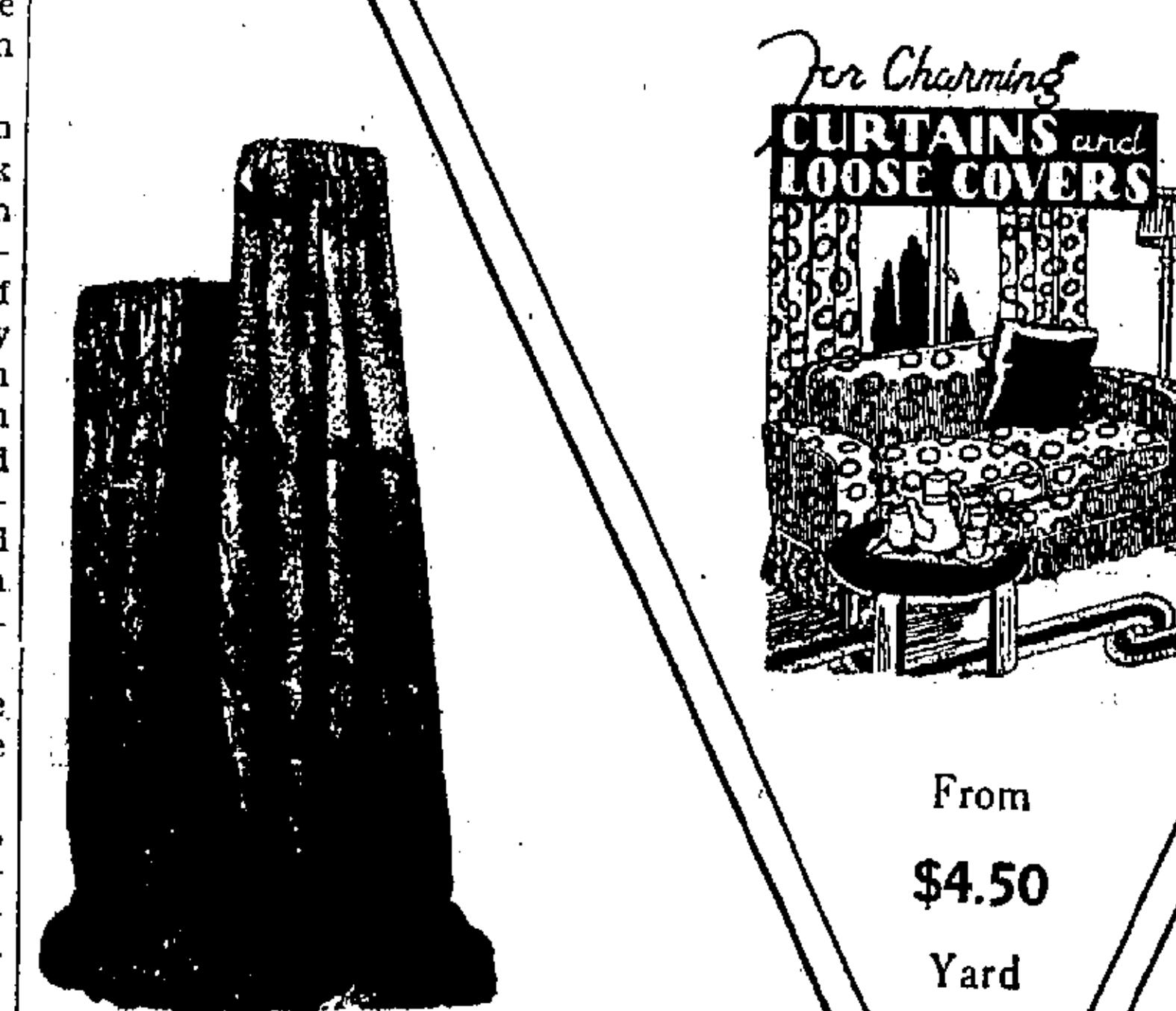
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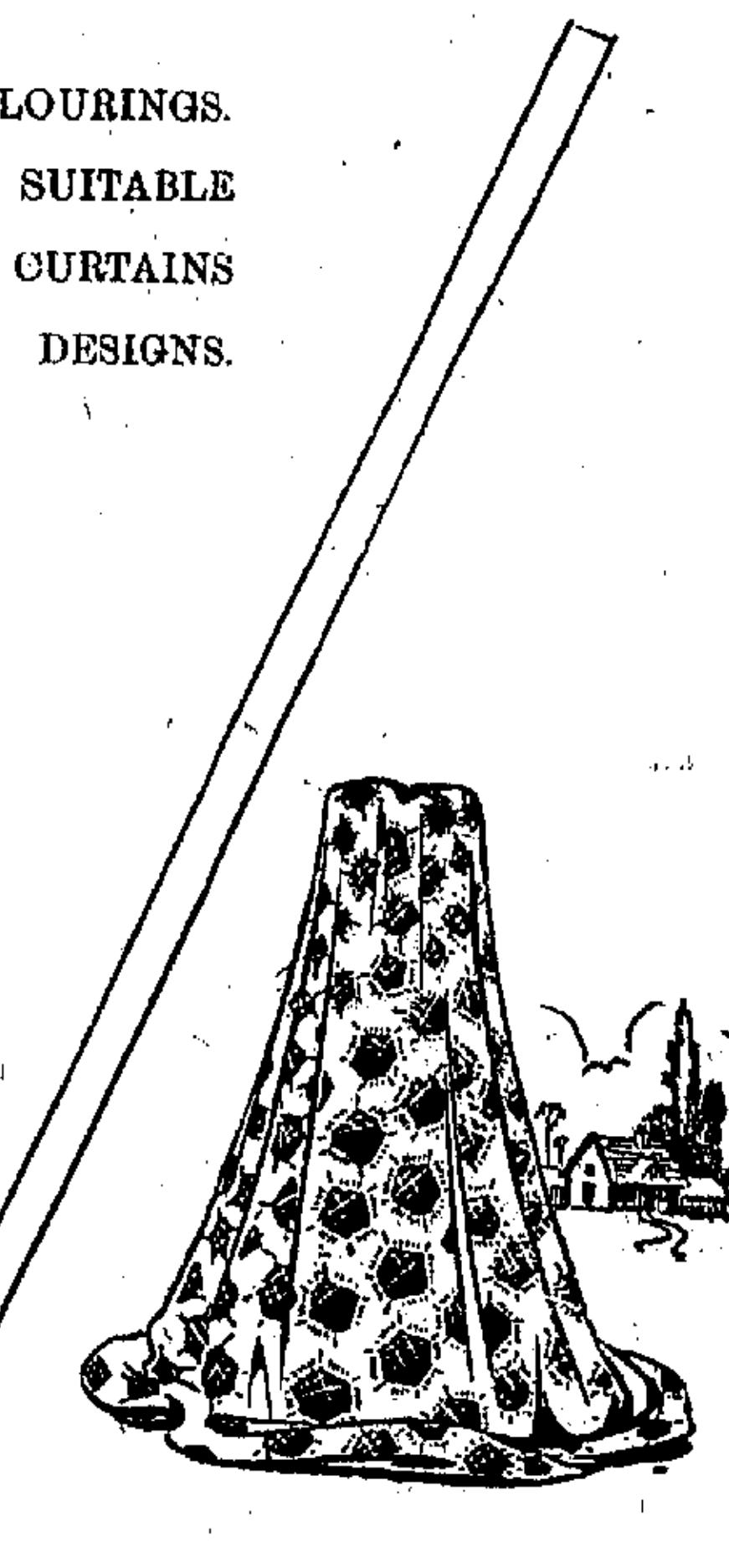
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### LAMMERTS AUCTIONS

### PUBLIC AUCTION. PUBLIC AUCTION.

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#### PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Friday, the 29th August, 1941

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Han-  
kow Road, Kowloon.

Defendant was remanded one  
week on bail of \$300.

WOUNDING CHARGE

Kwan Chu, cook, appeared before  
Major A. N. Macfadyen on a  
charge of wounding with intent to  
murder in a fight in Ling Nam  
teahouse, Sa Po Road.

Defendant was remanded for one  
week.

#### MARINE COURT

#### ENTERED DEFENCE AREA

A fine of \$30 was imposed by  
Cmrd. T. C. Stiff yesterday on  
Wong Yau, of No. 112, Belcher's  
Street, who admitted the charge  
that he had entered his broadband  
motor-boat into a prohibited area,  
the West Lamma Channel Mine-  
field.

Sgt. Hughes, prosecuting, ex-  
plained that defendant had a  
poultry farm on Lamma Island  
and was visiting the farm on Aug.  
17 when he was apprehended in  
the channel about 5.30 p.m. by a  
Naval Volunteer patrol boat.

#### NO EVIDENCE

A charge against Cheng Sapping,  
master of fishing junk No.  
4874HA, that he had entered the  
East Lamma Channel Minefield,  
was dismissed by the Magistrate,  
the prosecuting officer being un-  
able to attend court to offer evi-  
dence against defendant.

#### LAMMERT BRO'S. AUCTIONEERS

Street, Chong Chan, on Aug. 24.

According to Sub-Insp. Mc-  
Mahon, who prosecuted, Lam  
Cheung-yuen was fighting with  
Pong Wing-chung, Wong Sik and  
Tan Yuk when the Police ar-  
rived on the scene. Wong Sik was  
holding a hammer.

All the four accused were sen-  
tenced to one week's hard labour.

On View from Thursday,

the 28th August, 1941

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BRO'S.  
AUCTIONEERS

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 1st day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Inland Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square feet	* Upset Price
			N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	\$
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4318	Junction of Kowloon City Road & Kau Pui Shek Road, Kau Pui Shek	As per sale plan	About 2,358	298
					1,769

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$177.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



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CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED.

## Second Interim Dividend

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a SECOND INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending the 28th February, 1942, of two per cent, that is \$2.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on Friday, the 5th September, 1941, at the Company's Office at China Building, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 5th September, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
FUNG PING PAN,  
Director & Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th August, 1941.

BIRTH

HARLEY—At Calgary, Alberta, to Pamela, wife of D. S. Harley, a daughter. Shanghai papers please copy.

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## The Daily Press.

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Editorial and Business Office:  
15-19, Queen's Road Central,  
Tel. 33225.  
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Tel. 24511.  
London Office: 53, Fleet Street  
E.C.4.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 27, 1941.

## NEW WAR FRONT

THE JOINT ACTION taken by Great Britain and Russia to prevent Iran falling into German hands did not come exactly as a surprise.

From the moment it was known that both Governments had warned the Iranian Government of the menace that was growing

within their country as a result of organised Nazi Fifth Column activities, some sort of action was expected.

The trend of allied policy in the military sphere in recent weeks has left no doubt that the lessons of the past have been well learned. No longer is Britain prepared to sit back and watch the penetration of intrigue in countries, the security of which from such activity is essential to her war aims. Any delayed action in Iran might well have led to a position arising there similar to that which took place in Iraq and Syria.

Husbands and relatives of all evacuees, and all those interested, are invited to attend.

W. V. TAYLOR,  
Acting Hon. Secretary,  
Evacuation Representation Committee.

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## EVACUATION REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

A Public Meeting will be held in the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, on Thursday, 28th inst., at 6 p.m.

Husbands and relatives of all evacuees, and all those interested, are invited to attend.

W. V. TAYLOR,  
Acting Hon. Secretary,  
Evacuation Representation Committee.

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## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 6/NS. 9889 dated Hong Kong, 29th October, 1940, for seven shares of this Bank numbered 63580/63582 and

796/7979 in the name of Mrs. Ethelle Muriel Dowling, Certificate No. 6/NS. 9890 dated Hong Kong, 29th October 1940 for two shares of this Bank numbered 7980/7981 in the name of Mr. Wilfred Murray Theobald, and Certificate No. 6/NS. 9891 dated Hong Kong, 29th October 1940 for seven shares of this Bank numbered 7982/7987 and

60985 in the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Lyons Lancaster have been LOST or STOLEN, and

should these certificates not be produced to the Bank before the 13th September, 1941, new Certificates for the shares will be issued and the aforesaid Certificates Nos. 6/NS. 9889,

6/NS. 9890, and 6/NS. 9891,

will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 13th August, 1941.

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## ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

The new School Year begins on September 1st, both for the Middle School and the Preparatory School. Entrance examination for New Students (Middle School) on August 30th, at 9 a.m.

For prospectus, apply to M. S. Fung, Esq., or P. L. Chan Esq., c/o Messrs Harry Wicking, Prince's Building, (Tel. 30241) or to the Warden, St. Stephen's College, Stanley.

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## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Interim Dividend of \$-.60 per share has been declared in respect of the half year ended 30th June, 1941, on 900,000 OLD SHARES and will be payable on and after Thursday, 11th September 1941.

Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Registered Office, 1, & 2, Building.

THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER to THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hong Kong, 8th August, 1941.

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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that on account of furlough the Power of Attorney issued to Leon Henry George Frost, District Accountant at Hong Kong for The Texas Company (China) Ltd. at Hong Kong has been cancelled and recalled.

Similar Power of Attorney has been issued to Edgar Herold Pendleton who has been appointed District Accountant at Hong Kong to succeed Leon Henry George Frost.

THE TEXAS COMPANY (CHINA) LTD.

By P. F. LEFEVRE,  
Managing Director.

Hong Kong, August 24th, 1941.

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The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$144.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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## EDITORIAL

HARLEY—At Calgary, Alberta, to Pamela, wife of D. S. Harley, a daughter. Shanghai papers please copy.

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## Roof Collapse In Western District

Three men, one of whom was admitted to hospital, were injured when the roof of No. 32 Davis St., which is occupied by the Claward Steel Ware Factory, collapsed at 4 p.m. yesterday.

The men, all employees of the firm, were Wong Wing-chuen, 22, who was detained at Queen Mary Hospital, with head and body injuries; Chan Lam, 21, and Lai Yue, 32, who only received slight injuries. An area of approximately 30 to 40 square feet of the ceiling fell apparently caused by the incessant rain during the last two days.

A fire appliance and ambulance from Central Fire Station were soon on the scene. A P.W.D. lorry was also sent.

Mr. G. A. R. Wright-Nooth, A.S.P. (Western), Sub-Insp. C. T. Byron and Mr. K. S. Robertson, of the F.W.D. were

The affected premises are a one-story house owned by the Sincere Company, Ltd., and had been let to the Claward Steel Works since

1930.

## "THE MAN WHOM NO GAOL CAN HOLD"

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Stanley Thurston, the escaped convict known as the "man whom no gaol can hold," was arrested in London yesterday after 152 days' liberty.

He had no identity card, no ration book and no gas mask.

Thurston, who is 31 years of age, escaped from the grim high-walled prison of Dartmoor on March 25. He was serving a sentence of five years' penal servitude and five years' preventive detention passed in August 1930 for house-breaking, larceny and being a habitual criminal.

Dartmoor is the fifth prison from which he has escaped.

147 DEATHS FROM T.B.

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended at midnight on Aug. 23.—

Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case (two deaths); Cholera, 30 cases, one imported, (21 deaths); Diphteria, one case; Dysentery, 42 cases (19 deaths); Enteric Fever, 20 cases (16 deaths); Tuberculosis, 203 cases, four imported, (147 deaths).

## MONDAY'S RETURNS

The Returns for the 24 hours ending at midnight on Monday 23rd is as follows:—Cholera, five cases; Dysentery, 16 cases; Tuberculosis, 33 cases.

drive to the East. When he begins to realise that his

intrigue has only resulted in giving Britain and Russia an opportunity to join forces for the first time in a joint military action, his chagrin can easily be imagined. It means that he will once again have to recast his entire war plan and seek other ways and means of continuing his

ruthless policy of conquest. This will not be easy, but

knowing the recklessness with

which he has been acting as a result of the increasing difficulties he is facing with his two-front war in Europe, there is no doubt that he will seek to thrust in every

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## AXIS SHIPS CAPTURED AT BANDARSHAHPUR

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consequences of resisting them. If they are either unwilling or unable to remove the danger and unwanted Nazi intruders, their action must be taken for them by those whose interests, equally with those of Iran herself, are at stake."

The motives and purposes of the Anglo-Russian intervention are sufficiently clear to afford no ground for anxiety in neighbouring countries as to the scope of operations.

The Nazi danger is too familiar and too close throughout the Middle East for any misunderstanding of this insidious character. In recent years, British friendship for Egypt, Turkey and the Arab world has stood the test of many hazards and many threats and today is stronger than ever.

**REACTION VIGOROUSLY**  
If British prestige has at any time suffered in the Middle East, it has been rather at moments when Great Britain has shown weakness in defending herself than when, as on the present occasion, she has reacted vigorously and promptly to an attack on her vital interests.

In particular Turkey, directly exposed as she is at this moment to Nazi menaces and Nazi cajoleries, will feel reassured and strengthened in her resistance by this example of British vigour and determination.

Except among one few remaining friends of Nazi Germany, nothing but satisfaction and relief will be felt that a dangerous nettle has been so firmly grasped.

In Britain, this first opportunity of joint and concerted military action with our new allies, whose stubborn defence against the Nazi invader has not diminished their determination and capacity to defend their interest elsewhere, will be warmly welcomed.

The scope and duration of the action undertaken by the British and Soviet Governments will be determined by the willingness of the Iranian authorities, even at this last moment, to face the realities of the situation.

It is no part of the British or Russian policy to shed Iranian blood or to fight against the Iranians except insofar as they may be so misguided as to act as shields for Nazi agents and Nazi purposes.

### FALSE STEP

If the Shah and Iranian Government are prepared to retract the false step they have taken and return to the path of strict neutrality by the expulsion of those who are seeking to turn Iran into a Nazi stronghold, then an agreement can still be reached and an unhappy incident quickly brought to an end.

So long as the present course persists, the permanent interests of Iran are being jeopardised in a cause which is wholly alien to those interests and from which, whatever its attractions for their rulers, the Iranian people can derive no conceivable advantage.

## Japanese Government Declines To Comment On Churchill's Speech

TOKYO, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—"AS A GOVERNMENT, WE DECLINE TO COMMENT ON THE SPEECH BY MR. CHURCHILL," declared Mr. Koh Ishii, deputy spokesman of the Board of Information before the regular Press conference.

He added, however, "Press comment reflects public opinion."

**NOT INFORMED**  
He pleaded "Not informed" when he was subjected to a barrage of questions regarding the negotiations between Japan and the United States.

Asked if Mr. Wakasugi, Diplomatic Adviser to Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese Ambassador to the United States, was coming back with definite proposals, the spokesman replied negatively but admitted that Mr. Wakasugi was returning shortly.

He said he was not informed regarding what was going on in Washington though Admiral Nomura had sent some reports regarding the talks with the United States authorities.

### COMMON INTEREST

Mr. Ishii said matters of common interest to Japan and the United States were possibly being discussed between Admiral Nomura and the American authorities.

Admiral Nomura had a large sphere at his discretion, the spokesman added.

### DESTROYER SUNK

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—It is officially stated that the destroyer Bath, a former American destroyer, manned by the Norwegian Navy has been sunk.

A club for Welsh Service men and women in London was recently opened at 157, Gray's Inn-road, by Mr. Lloyd George in memory of Dame Margaret.

## Mannheim, Karlsruhe Attacked

LONDON, Aug. 26 (BWS)—An Air Ministry communiqué states:

"Objectives at Mannheim and Karlsruhe were attacked last night by aircraft of Bomber Command. Though the weather was mainly unfavourable there were clear intervals over both targets where large fires were left burning."

"Six of our aircraft are missing." An Admiralty communiqué states:

"Swordfish aircraft have carried out successful attacks on military objectives in the north and south of Tempio in the island of Sardinia."

"The targets were left burning fiercely."

"During these operations, one JU-52 was shot down into the sea. A CANT float-plane was heavily engaged by a Naval fighter aircraft and was severely damaged before it made good its escape. Our forces suffered no casualties."

**VERY SMALL SCALE**

LONDON, Aug. 26 (BWS)—An Air Ministry and Ministry for Home Security communiqué states:

"The only enemy activity last night occurred before midnight and was on a very small scale."

"Bombs were dropped at two points on the coast of South Wales and at one point in South-west England causing no casualties and only slight damage."

## BIG R.A.F. RAID ON TRIPOLI

**TELEGRAM OF BOMBS DROPPED ON SUPPLY, PETROL DUMPS**

CAIRO, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—British bombers are still busy in the Middle East. A large force of R.A.F. heavy bombers dropped nearly 20 tons of bombs on docks and supply and petrol dumps at Tripoli during the night of August 23-24, says an R.A.F. communiqué.

Many direct hits were obtained and more than 30 large fires were started, one so big that it was visible 135 miles away.

After the bomb attack British aircraft machine-gunned objectives in the harbour area and the aerodrome at Mellaha. The attack was carried out from a very low altitude.

During the same night, other aircraft bombed enemy encampments in Sollum, Baddia and Gambut areas. Medium bombers attacked two enemy schooners and an escort vessel in the Gulf of Sirtey. One schooner and the escort vessel were sunk, and the other schooner was left apparently sinking.

R.A.F. fighters in the Mediterranean on Sunday intercepted a number of German dive-bombers which attempted to attack British shipping and shot down one into the sea.

Photos show that a merchant ship attacked by bombers at Tripoli on the night of August 21-22 was sunk.

All British aircraft returned safely from all these operations.

### DUSSELDORF RAIDED

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Operations by British bombers were still restricted by bad weather on Sunday night, states the Air Ministry.

Communications and industrial objectives at Dusseldorf were sharply attacked. Three bombers were missing.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command were missing from patrol over the North Sea on Sunday morning.

## THAI PREMIER'S THANKS TO BROOKE-POPHAM

SINGAPORE, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—"I feel confident that these personal contacts will help bring about mutual and sympathetic understandings and that this mark of personal friendship and goodwill on your part will render the friendly relations between our two armies, as well as between our two countries, ever more cordial," says the Thai Premier, Luang Phibun Songkram, in a message expressing grateful thanks and appreciation to Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, C-in-C, Far East.

For the welcome accorded to two Thai military officers on the occasion of a recent visit to see Malaya defences.

Producing oil companies in Alberta obtained a revenue of \$4,002,520 from sales of oil, mainly from Turner Valley, during the first four months of 1941, an increase of \$1,243,078 over the revenue during the corresponding period of last year, according to figures compiled by provincial Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board. During the four-month period of this year, the average daily revenue to oil producers was \$33,554 compared with \$22,808 during the corresponding period of last year, an increase of \$10,544.

## CABLE

## INDIAN ARMY'S FIRST V. C. OF THIS WAR

SECOND LIEUTENANT PREMINDRA SINGH BHAGAT, of the Corps of Indian Engineers, is the first in the Indian Army to be awarded the Victoria Cross in this war.

Attached to the leading mobile forces which were pressing the enemy as they retreated towards Gondar after the attack from Galabat, Lieut. Bhagat was in charge of clearing the road which was thickly strewn with minefields, blocks and booby traps.

In spite of every precaution, Lieut. Bhagat's carrier was twice blown up, and many of his men killed or wounded. Declining all offers of relief, he carried on continuously for four days and succeeded in clearing 16 minefields and 55 miles of road. Finally he collapsed from exhaustion and shock with both ear drums burst by explosions.

His Commanding Officer described Lieut. Bhagat's action as "one of the longest continued feats of sheer cold courage I have ever met."

Premindra Singh Bhagat was born at Gorakhpur (U.P.) on Nov. 18, 1918. He is the son of the late Mr. S. S. Bhagat, formerly Executive Engineer, Civil Lines, Benares. He is the grand-nephew of Raja Shri Daljit Singh, K.B.E., C.S.I., of Kapurthala.

Premindra Singh was educated at home till the age of eleven and joined the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College, Dehra Dun, in 1931. In 1937 he was admitted to the Indian Military Academy, where he was an outstanding student of his term, and was commissioned only two months before the outbreak of the war. He left for overseas after a period of further training.

His mother says that even in childhood he showed keenness to become a soldier and was determined to be one."



SECOND LT. BHAGAT, V.C.

## SOVIET ACTION AGAINST IRAN

### DECISION EXPLAINED TO THE PEOPLE

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—

News of the Soviet and British decision to deal effectively with the danger which the situation in Iran presented to both Powers in their struggle against Germany was announced on the radio in fullest detail to the Soviet people.

It does not come as a surprise to informed observers. The measured terms of the Soviet Note handed to the Iranian Ambassador speak for themselves. They make clear that there is no question of any aggression by the Soviet which is acting entirely in self-defence in sending troops into Iran and bases the action on a clause in the Soviet-Iran Treaty.

The Iran Government had been given three separate warnings regarding the attitude which the Soviet Government would be obliged to take in view of the continued activity in Iran of German agents.

### STEADY INFILTRATION

From the early part of last year there was a steady flow of these agents through the Balkans and Turkey on their way to Iran and in recent months it had become increasingly clear that these agents have obtained considerable influence through the commercial enterprises, they are running or are helping to run.

It is felt here that no such situation could be allowed to brew in Iran as was produced in Iraq.

The Soviet and British decision in the bud any such possibility. At the same time the terms of the Soviet Note make it very clear that the Soviet Union has no territorial designs on Iran.

The fact that the British and

Soviet Governments are acting in concert will be welcomed here as further practical proof of their determination to act jointly in crushing Hitler's plans.

## SURPRISE IN TURKEY

ANKARA, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Al-

though the British and Russians kept the Turks fully informed of all developments in regard to Iran, the news that troops have crossed the border created some surprise as it was not expected to happen so soon.

There is no official Turkish re-

sponse yet, but it is generally be-

lieved that Turkey will declare she will remain neutral should a war break out.

The Turks are not concerned in regard to the British move, but the Russian action cannot be described as welcome or popular, though the statement that the Russians will withdraw as soon as possible has done much to mitigate possible nervousness.

Nearly every Turk believes that the Anglo-Russian move was dictated only by the desire to estab-

lish a link between the British and Russian forces.

It is thought to be a pity that

the British did not stress earlier

that Britain started asking Iran to

expel the Germans in January.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Premier's Straight Talking Approved By Indian Press

BOMBAY, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—The Indian Press approvingly features Mr. Churchill's broadcast assuring the world of ultimate triumph for the defenders of freedom and the warning to Japan.

The MADRAS MAIL, referring to the warning to Japan, says: "There is no ambiguity about the warning. If Japan heads well and good, if not the fight will be on and we have no doubt who will win."

The INDIAN EXPRESS says:

"Mr. Churchill's speech is an indication that the war has taken a hopeful turn from the British standpoint and that forces are well on hand for rendering Japanese aggression otiose and for stifling the Nazi in Europe."

The paper also stresses Mr. Churchill's statement that the Axis Powers would be disarmed while the Democracies will retain their arms.

All papers gave prominence to the figures given by Mr. Churchill of German losses in Russia.

### TOKYO REACTION

TOKYO, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Although obviously announced, authoritative Japanese sources here have rejected Mr. Churchill's accusations saying, "Who is menacing whom? Japan is not menacing anybody. Japan has not menaced anything."

Official Japanese reaction is not likely at least until the text has been fully received. It has been reported only sketchily.

Mr. Churchill's reference to alleged depredations of the Japanese military faction is labelled "just another attempt to depict a division of Japanese opinion and thereby disintegrate Japanese unity which is wholly impossible."

Japanese actions are said to be based upon solidly based and unanimous national policy.

## SUCCESS OF GUNNERS IN DOUBLE TASK

LONDON, Aug. 26 (BWS)—Recent official figures stating that on all fronts since the war began, A.A. gunfire had been responsible for the destruction of 1,350 enemy aircraft, indicate the success of the gunners in the performance of a double task.

The object of A.A. fire is not only to bring down aeroplanes but also to break up formations and force the raiders to fly high where fighters have the opportunity of engaging them.

In this part of their duty, A.A. artillery had been strikingly successful also.

## THAI CABINET CHANGES

BANGKOK, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Luang Bipul Songkram, Premier of Thailand, who used to hold the portfolios of Defence, Foreign Affairs and the Interior, and who recently divested himself of the Defence Ministry, has appointed two independent Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Interior.

Nai Direk Chaiman, formerly Deputy Foreign Minister, is appointed Foreign Minister and Luang Chavengrakdi, formerly Deputy Minister of the Interior, becomes Minister of the Interior.

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—The Duchess of Gloucester will not be undertaking any further public engagements during the next few months.

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## COMING EVENTS

AUG.  
27—Tides: High 1.07 a.m. and 1.27 p.m.; Low 6.57 a.m. and 7.26 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 7.45 p.m.  
Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.  
Musical Evening at Chinese Merchants Club, 9.15 p.m.  
Basketball matches (See Page 2).  
Tennis League matches (See Page 2).  
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
European Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.  
Teachers' Day Celebration Meeting 487 Nathan Road, 9 a.m.  
28—Tides: High 1.51 a.m. and 2.33 p.m.; Low 6.59 a.m. and 8.01 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 7.44 p.m.  
Annual General Meeting, Kowloon Golf Club, Kowloon City, 6 p.m.  
Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong.  
Diocesan Boys' School Entrance Examination for new boys, 9 a.m.  
St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work 10 a.m.  
St. Andrew's Club Games Evening, 8.45 p.m.  
Y's Men's Club Meeting, 7.30 p.m.  
H.K. Philatelic Society Meeting S.C.M.P. Bldg., 5.30 p.m.  
Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 6 p.m.  
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.  
Ladies' Knitting Party (B.W.O.F.) Helena May Institute, 9 a.m. to noon.  
Evacuation Representation Committee Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 6 p.m.  
29—Tides: High 2.34 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.; Low 9.15 a.m. and 8.37 p.m.  
Kowloon Football Club annual meeting, Club Pavilion, 6 p.m.  
Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.  
St. Andrew's Wartime Intercession Service, 8.30 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Fellowship Talk by Peare Squires.  
30—Tides: High 3.43 a.m. and 5.24 p.m.; Low 10.57 a.m. and 9.27 p.m.  
Farewell Luncheon to H.E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote and Lady Northcote, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.  
St. Stephen's College Entrance Examination for new students, 9 a.m.  
H.K. Club Soccer Section, Annual Meeting.

31—Tides: High 4.52 a.m. and 7.06 p.m.; Low 11.32 a.m. and 10.47 p.m.  
1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.  
1.02 The Mills Brothers in Variety.  
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St. Stephen's College Entrance Examination for new students, 9 a.m.  
H.K. Club Soccer Section, Annual Meeting.

3.10—Tides: High 4.52 a.m. and 7.06 p.m.; Low 11.32 a.m. and 10.47 p.m.

1.15 Film Selections.

1.16 Babes in Arms—Where Or When (Hart and Rodgers); Good Morning (Freed and Brown)—Celia Lipton (Vocal) with Orch. "San Francisco"—Would You—Waltz (Freed and Brown)—Roy Fox and His Orchestra; "Society Lawyer"—I'm In Love With The Honourable Mrs. So and So (Coslow); "Second Fiddle"—I Poured My Heart Into A Song (Berlin)—"Hutch" (Leslie Hutchinson — Piano); "Forty Little Mothers"—Little Curly Hair In A High Chair (Tobias, Simon)—Billy Cotton and His Band; "Three Smart Girls"—Someone To Care For Me (Kaper, Jurmann)—Deanna Durbin (Vocal); "If I Had My Way"—Meet The Sun Half-Way (Monaco, Burke); Billy Cotton and His Band; "Young Marches On"—New Frontiersmen (George Fraser)—Haymond Newell & Chorus w. Orch.

2.16 Close Down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock (Two hours).

6.47 Humorous and Vocal Variety.

Humorous—The Crazy Gang At Set (Crazy Gang and Will Wise)—Nervo

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Examination of Points in German Propaganda.

3.30 Programme Summary.

3.32 Warlock—"Capitol" Suite.

The Constant Lambert String Orchestra cond. by C. Lambert.

3.40 Studio—"English Humour" No. 1—Butler's "Hudibras."

Talk by Rev. Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Light Orchestral Selections.

Plymouth Hoe (A Nautical Overture—Ansell)—Light Symphony Orchestra.

La Follette (Salvatore Marchese; Melodious Intermezzo (Edmund Kotcher)—Eric Olszewski and His Orchestra.

9.16 Studio—Talk on "Development of Social Services" by Miss Winifred Galbraith.

9.35 Charles Trenet (Vocal) & The Orchestra Mascotte.

Souvenir De Mons Lisa (J. Schenck)—Orchestra Mascotte. Piégeon Vole; En Quittant Une Ville J'Entends; Chanson (Trenet)—Charles Trenet and His Orchestra.

Woodland Whispers (Albert Joos Sen.); The Flowers (Waldteufel)—Walztes—Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45—10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Operatic Duets.

Valkyrie—Siegmund Call Me (Wagner)—Georges Thill and Germaine Martinelli with Orch. "Madam Butterfly"—And Why Was He So Careful (Puccini)—Rosetta Pàmpanini and Conchita Velasquez. "Carmen"—Test The Hero While I Read The Letter (Bizet)—Maria Carrasco (Sop.) and Piero Fanfani (Tenor) and Member of La Scala Orchestra and Chor.

"Aida"—To Die! So Pure and Lovely (Verdi)—Rossi Ponselle (Soprano) and Giovanni Martinelli (Tenor) w. Orch.

10.00 London Relay—The News and New Commentary.

10.15 Compositions of Elgar.

Woodland Interlude (From "Caractacus"); Dream Children, Op. 43—London Symphony Orchestra. La Capricieuse, Op. 17—Joseph Hassid with Flute (Violin); Song Of Liberty (Pomp and Circumstance March, No. 4)—Dennis Noble and Chorus w. The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. Enigma Variations, Op. 36—The R.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

11.00 London Relay—Britain Today.

11.15 Close Down.

## GENERAL

## Radio Programmes

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Talk From Studio By Miss Galbraith

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-

cessation.

12.30 The Boston Promenade Orch.

Espana Waltz (Waldbauer); "Aida" Ballet Suite (Verdi).

12.45 Welsh Songs.

Over The Stone; The Ash Grove;

Ton Carol (A Welsh Carol); Spring-

time Is Returning (Trad.)—Ben Mor-

gan (Tenor) with Martin Fearn

(Piano); The Little Thatched Cottage

(arr. Osborne Roberts)—Leila Megan

(Contralto) with Piano; Adieu To

Dear Cambodia—Old Welsh Song—Ev

in Williams (Tenor) with Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Pro-

gramme Summary.

1.02 The Mills Brothers in Variety.

Vocal—Basin Street Blues (Wil-

iams) — Mills Brothers with Guitar

—Piano—Quickstep Medley—Intro:

If I Didn't Care; A New Moon and An

Old Serenade; The Pretty Little

Quaker Girl; Summer Sweetheart

Wishing; My First Goodnight—Billy

Thornburn with drums; Vocal — Sat

Along; Silly Moon (Tobias, Wren-

rich); Summer Sweetheart (Gilbert)

—Vera Lynn with Instrumental accom-

Mandoline—Serenade Medieval (Sil-

vera Lynn); La Java Du Rataka — Glava

Mazurka (Van Herck)—Prof. Giuseppe

Gargano with Piano. Vocal — Mr.

Gavaglini (Lambert, Richards); Star

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## RUSSIANS CLAIM ADVANCE OF 40 KILOMETRES INTO IRAN: BRITISH LANDING IS RESISTED

MOSCOW, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—The official Soviet news agency announces that Russian troops have advanced 40 kilometres into Iran and that the advance continues, while Moscow radio says that Soviet troops are advancing in the direction of Tabriz.

According to the latest news from Iran available in authoritative circles yesterday afternoon, the British units which entered the country encountered some resistance, but it is not yet known where this occurred or how serious the resistance was. States a report from London.

One British contingent made a landing from the sea in the Persian Gulf at Bandar Shapur. It is believed that this contingent met some resistance but this is not definitely confirmed.

The British forces entering Iran include both British and Indian troops but it is understood that no Dominion troops are involved.

### WHEAT FOR IRANIANS

SIMLA, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Sixty thousand tons of wheat have already been sent from India to Iran. This wheat is for the people of Iran with whom Britain has no quarrel, and whose normal supplies have been seriously depleted by earlier Axis demands.

Steps are being taken to send supplies of other essential commodities to Iran.

It is estimated that there are at present about 3,000 Indians in Iran, mainly in oil-fields and in Meshed Aran, in the northwest.

Precautionary measures regarding Iranian consulates in India will, it is expected, be taken immediately.

### TOWNS BOMBED

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—British forces bombed and shelled several Iranian towns, according to the Iranian Premier, addressing an extraordinary session of the Iranian Parliament, according to the Teheran radio last night.

The Premier said: "You all know that the beginning of the present war, the Iranian Government, in accordance with the

## Iranian Army Strength

### EFFICIENCY NOT UNDERESTIMATED

LONDON, Aug. 26 (British Wireless)—According to information available here the Iranian Army, which is a personal creation of Shah Reza Pahlevi (himself a famous cavalry leader), amounts to some 150,000 men organised in 18 divisions raised by conscription.

Officers are supplied from cadets of the Staff College in Teheran.

The equipment of some divisions of the Army is up to modern standards. Training hours of the troops are long and their efficiency is recognised in British military quarters.

There are some 25 cavalry, about 50 infantry and 15 artillery regiments and also sappers, signalers and gendarmerie. The tanks are of Czechoslovak make and are of the medium and light class. Their artillery consists of Bofors mountain guns and Skoda pieces.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Communications in Persia are few but the main railways and roads lead from the northern western and southern frontiers to the capital.

One line runs from Bandar Shapur at the head of the Persian Gulf (where the British landed), through Ahwaz to Teheran and thence to the Caspian at Bandar Shapur near the Russian frontier east of the Caspian. Another runs from the Russian frontier in the Caucasus to Tabriz, after which there is a gap, and then from Zinjan to Teheran.

The two main roads (having heavy metalled surfaces and good for motor transport all the year round except for snow blocking in winter) lead from the Russian frontier at Julfa to Teheran and from the Iraqi town of Khanikin to Teheran.

The secondary roads, poor in summer and often impassable in winter, lead from Northern Iraq to Soviet Armenia, from Ahwaz (near the oilfield) to Kazvin and Teheran, from Fahrevi, on the Caspian, to Kazvin, from Meshed on the north-east frontier to Teheran and from Teheran to Shiraz.

### NATURAL OBSTACLES

Rivers running into the Caspian from the Elburz Mountains form military obstacles to any march along the shore of the Caspian from the north-west or north-east while both the Caspian and Persian Gulf littoral districts are unhealthy.

The country is three times the size of France and mostly mountainous in the north and west bordering Russia and Iraq.

## 'PLANE-U-BOAT' ATTACK ON CONVOY

### Seven Merchantmen Sunk In The Fight

LISBON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Fifteen merchant ships which are understood to be part of a convoy of 25 ships attacked by enemy aircraft and submarines off Cadiz on Friday while en route to Gibraltar from Britain, have arrived in the Tagus.

According to the Lisbon newspaper Diario de Notícias seven merchantmen were sunk in the fight following the attack while warships escorting the convoy were damaged.

The ships of the convoy which escaped a tenacious pursuit saved the greater part of the crews of the ships that were lost.

**LA CONIC COMMUNIQUE**

Both the Russian and German communiques are exceedingly laconic and add nothing to our knowledge of the situation on the eastern front, writes ANNALIST.

The Russian communiqué speaks of severe fighting at Kexholm Novgorod and Dnieper-Petrovsk while the German communiqué says that operations are proceeding satisfactorily according to plan.

### SEVEN LOST

Seven ships totalling 10,000 tons were lost from a British convoy

attacked off the Spanish coast last week. One corvette was the only vessel lost by the escort.

These figures compare with the German claim to have sunk 25 ships and also to have destroyed two other warships.

### WORLD'S LARGEST BOMB FACTORY

ELLWOOD, Ill., Aug. 26 (Reuter)—What is considered the world's largest factory making aerial bombs began operations here this week-end. A steady stream of bombs roll from the assembly line which is a mile long.

Work on the factory began in November, 1940, under a contract calling for completion within a year's time; so production has started more than three months ahead of schedule.

The supervising officer is Lieutenant Colonel T. C. Gerber, who says that the plant comprises 23 square miles of buildings and magazines. The factory cost \$30,000,000.

not be on as large a scale as, say, in Syria.

The Iranian Army is believed to number about 19 divisions, said to be well-trained but lacking modern equipment. It is reported that their Air Force is only 10 modern aircraft while there are said to be even fewer tanks, of German make.

### AIR-BORNE AID

There is a possibility that the Germans may try to send reinforcements by air, but the fact that Russia is acting in co-operation with Britain will make this most difficult.

The advance from Iraq should lead to a rapid linking up of the British and Russian troops. This step towards the creation of a front stretching from Murmansk southwards to the Middle East, from Cairo to Basra, will form a great arc on Germany's east, barring her road.

### Dr. Quo Tai-Chi Welcomes British Warning To Japan

CHUNGKING, Aug. 26 (Central)—China welcomes the grave and sharp warning by Mr. Winston Churchill to Japan against any further aggression in the Far East and the Pacific, said DR. QUO TAI-CHI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, commenting upon the British Premier's broadcast.

Mr. Churchill's broadcast together with the conversations now being held in Washington between Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese Ambassador to Washington, and the United States Government and in Tokyo between Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, American Ambassador to Japan, and the Gaimusho must make it unmistakably clear to Japan that the "red light signals" have been given her against the continuation of the aggressive policy.

### SAME CONFLICT

Dr. Quo said that in one respect he differs with Mr. Churchill: The British Premier said that Japan imitated the blusterings and threats of Hitler and Mussolini but Japan was the one to initiate them.

Dr. Quo declared that China is gratified at the fact that as a result of the Roosevelt-Churchill Atlantic meeting in which the world situation was discussed, the Asiatic front has been definitely linked with the European front.

"As I have always maintained," he added, "the war in China and that in Europe form but two different fronts of the same conflict."

## Russians Leave Novgorod After Tenacious Fighting: U-Boat Sunk In Black Sea

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—The evacuation of NOVGOROD is announced in the Soviet midnight communiqué which states: "During Aug. 25 our troops stubbornly fought the enemy along the whole front. After tenacious fighting our troops left Novgorod."

"In the course of Aug. 24-26 enemy planes were brought down in air combats and destroyed on aerodromes. We lost six planes."

"In the Black Sea our warships sank a German submarine."

There is still no confirmation in London that the Germans have any bridgeheads across the Dnieper and the main part of the fighting thus remains west of the river.

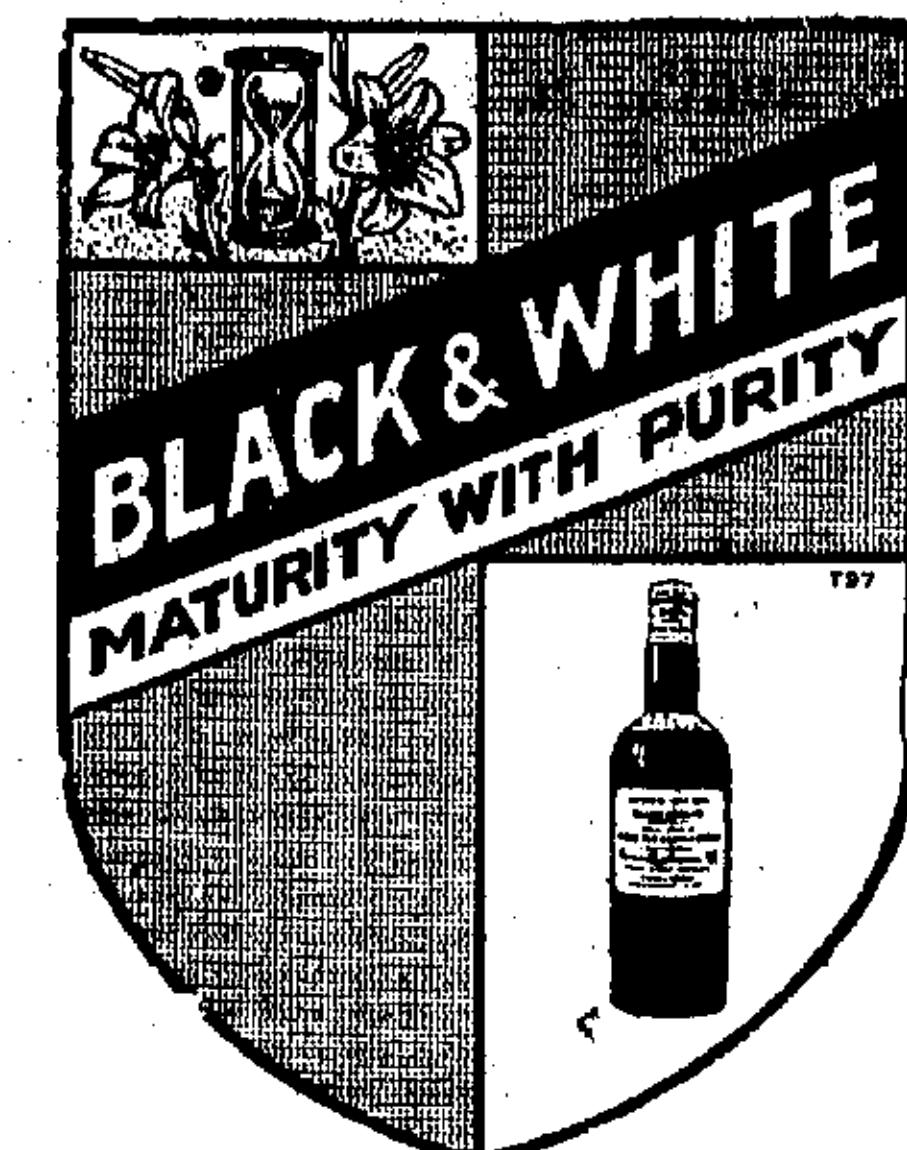
While circumstantial evidence shows that the Dnieper-Petrovsk Dam has been blown up, no official statement has been received to that effect from the Russian Government.

Fighting continues to be intense on the Leningrad front but there has been no marked move.

In the Smolensk-Gomel area, it is known that the Russians are counter-attacking but no details have reached London.

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## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

AUGUST 26, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale Aug. 26.	STOCKS	Last Sale Aug. 26.
Adams Express	64	Johnsmanville	66
Alleghany Steel Co.	234	Kennecott Copper	384
Allis Chalmers	294	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	274
Amer. Can.	804	Lockheed Aircraft	278
American Cyanamid B	394	Loew's Inc.	368
Amer. & Foreign Power	4	Martin, Glen L. Co.	274
Amer. & Foreign 87 pf.	214	Montgomery Ward	34
Amer. Locomotive Co.	134	National Aviation	82
Amer. Metals	19	Nat. Dairy Products	144
Amer. Radiator	64	National Distillers	224
Amer. Rolling Mill	144	Nat. Power & Light	54
Amer. St'ng and R'ng Co.	414	National Supply Corp.	74
Amer. Sugar Refining	19	New York Central	124
Amet. Tel. & Tel.	1544	Niagara Hudson Power	23
Amer. Tobacco "B"	694	N. American Aviation	144
Amer. Waterworks	48	North American Co. (New)	13
Anaconda Copper	284	Northern Pacific	78
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	284	Packard Motors	3
Aviation Corp.	34	Panepco Oil Ven.	44
Baldwin Locomotive Co.	144	Paramount Pictures	142
Baltimore & Ohio	48	Pennsylvania R.R.	234
Barndall Oil	10	Phillips Petroleum	448
Bendix Aviation	374	Pullman Inc.	264
Bethlehem Steel	684	Pure Oil	98
Bliss & Co., E.W. (com.)	164	Radio Corp. of Am.	4
Boeing Airplane Co.	186	Reading Company, Com.	164*
Borg-Warner	194	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	44*
Briggs Mfg. Co.	184*	Republic Aviation Corp.	34
Budd Manufacturing Corp	41	Republic Steel	194
Canadian Pacific	44	Reynold Tobac. "B"	314
Celanese Corp.	254	Schenley Distillers	16
Cheapeake & Ohio	374	Shell Union Oil	134*
Chrysler	564	Sococon-Vacuum Oil	94
Commercial Gas & Elec	24	Southern Pacific	144
Commercial Credit Co.	234	Southern Ry \$5 pf.	304
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	8	Swift International	37
Consolidated Edison Co.	174	Techicolor	94
Consolidated Oil	584	Texas Corp.	42
Copperweld Steel	154*	Trans-American Co.	44
Curtiss Wright (C)	9	20th Cent. Fox Film. Com.	76
Distillers Corp. (Seagram)	164	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	11
Douglas Aircraft	704	Union Pacific	81
Du Pont Nemours	1564	United Aircraft Trans.	11
Eagle Picher Lead	94	United Corp.	44
Elec. Autolite Co.	284	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	234
Elec. Bond & Share	24	United Gas Improvement	78
Elec. Bond & Share 5% pf	544	U.S. Rubber	234
Elec. Bond & Share 50 pf	594	U.S. Steel	578
Elec. Power & Light 57 pf	35	Vanadium	25
Flintkote	144	Vultee Aircraft	74
Gen. Electric	324	Walworth Co.	5
Gen. Motors	3-	Warner Bros. Pict.	51
Gen. Railway Signal	14*	Westinghouse Elec.	91
Gen. Tire & Rubber	128	Woodward Iron Co.	264*
Goodrich (B.F.)	184	Chase National Bank	304
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	184	National City Bank	274

## DOW JONES AVERAGE

1941	High	Low	Close	Aug. 26, 1941.	Change
High Dow Jones Averages	133.60	115.30	130.30	Industrials	.05 off
130.88	26.64	20.20	20.88	136.91	136.56
20.66	17.22	16.16	18.40	125.50	125.86
92.19	69.56	40	90.61	30.24	.10 up
79.48	65.45	11	79.04	90.59	.02 off
				78.69	.46 off
				Business Done:—330,000 shares	

## N.Y. Commodity Market

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

New York, Aug. 25.

Previous	Close	High	Low	Close	Change
N.Y. Cotton, Oct.	16.36	16.42	16.25	16.36	unch.
Chicago Wheat, Sept.	1114	113	111	112	4 up
Chicago Corn, Sept.	77	77	764	764	4 off

## NEW YORK COTTON

Closing Range Changes	Sept. 16/36/38	Oct. 16/52/53	Dec. 16/52/53	Jan. 16/52 N	Mar. 16/69/69	May 16/72/72	July 16/65 N
	unch.	unch.	0.03 off	0.03 off	0.03 off	0.02 off	unch.

## NEW YORK HIDES

Dec.	14.62/62	.02 up
Total sales:—52 lots		

## CHICAGO WHEAT

Sept.	112/112	4 up
Dec.	1154/1154	4 up
May	1184/1184	4 up

## NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER

Sept.	5.77b/60a	.09 off
Dec.	5.90b/60a	.09 off

## NEW YORK LARD

Sept.	10.10b	.05 off
Dec.	10.57b	.03 off

## NEW YORK COFFEESEED OIL

Sept.	12.26b/34a	.04 off
Dec.	11.97b/31a	.03 up

## LAST Trading day—20/8.

## NEW YORK METALS EXCHANGE

London, Aug. 25 (Reuter).
Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, buyers £256 1/4; sellers £256 1/2.

## CHICAGO CORN

Sept.	764a	4 off
Dec.	801/802	4 off

## CHICAGO RYE

Dec.	844a	4 off
May	844a	4 off

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## Finance and Commerce

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS

AUGUST 26, 1941.

In London:—

Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/3

Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8

Credits, 4 months' sight

Shanghai:—

On demand ..... 480

In Singapore:—

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## DOCKYARD SCHEME REACHING FRUITION

Industries are springing up in Batavia like mushrooms, their number increasing day by day. The spirit of enterprise seems contagious.

The latest instance is a scheme for a large dockyard at Semarang, where 10,000-ton ships will be built.

The scheme originated with the directors of the Dry Dock Companies of Tandjeng Priok and Sourabaya. Both companies have so far limited their activities to repairs, and to the building of smaller craft.

The new dockyard will be a limited liability company. The manager will be Mr. Adams van Scheitema, shipping engineer, who is in America at the moment, purchasing the necessary machinery.

The increasing demand for tonnage has given rise to this new enterprise—the promoters of which have been in close touch with the Department.

According to the "Locomotief," it has always been thought impossible to build such large ships in the N.E.I. The opinion held by experienced shipbuilders, however, served to modify this view. The harbour of Semarang offers sufficient scope for such work up to the limit of 10,000-ton vessels.

The semarang dockyard will have three adjoining slipways. It is believed that it will be possible to build four 10,000-ton ships yearly.

There will be need for fully 1,200 workmen, and from 20 to 25 European experts are foremen. A total sum of five million guilders will be invested in the enterprise. Wages will absorb about 600,500 guilders yearly.

It is hoped that the building of the slipways will start about two months' hence, and that the keel for the first 10,000-ton ship will be laid down by the middle of next year.

As from July 24, the freight rates to Singapore of the K.P.M. shipping company will be increased by 25 per cent. Coal, tin ore, tin dust, nutmeg, mace, palm oil, tobacco and copra will not be affected.

A Government Memorandum to the People's Council about the N.E.I. 1942 Budget points out that the financial position of the islands is still favourable as compared with other belligerent countries.

## "IT NEVER RAINS BUT POURS"

"It never rains but it pours" is an oft-repeated definition of Hongkong's climatic vagaries which was vindicated by the amount of rain which fell between midnight on Sunday and 9 a.m. yesterday.

In one single hour yesterday morning—3.30 to 4.30 a.m.—no less than .65 of an inch of rain was registered, while 4.320 inches fell between 11 o'clock on Monday night and 9 a.m. the following morning. The total for the 33 hours was 7.865 inches.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 27 Aug. to 4 Sept. 1941.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER

Days of Week	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height ft.	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height ft.
Wed.	27	00.07	6 1	06.57	2
		12.27	8 2	18.26	0
Thu.	28	00.1	8 2	06.58	2 6
		13.33	6 5	19.01	2 4
Fri.	29	01.39	6 4	08.15	2 9
		14.30	4 9	19.37	2 5
Sat.	30	02.43	6 4	09.57	3 4
		16.24	4 5	20.27	3 4
Sun.	31	03.52	6 4	11.32	3 7
		18.06	4 5	21.47	2 2
Mon.	1	05.07	6 6	12.41	4 1
		19.32	4 6	23.23	1 8
Tues.	2	06.14	6 8	—	—
		20.24	4 9	13.43	3 9

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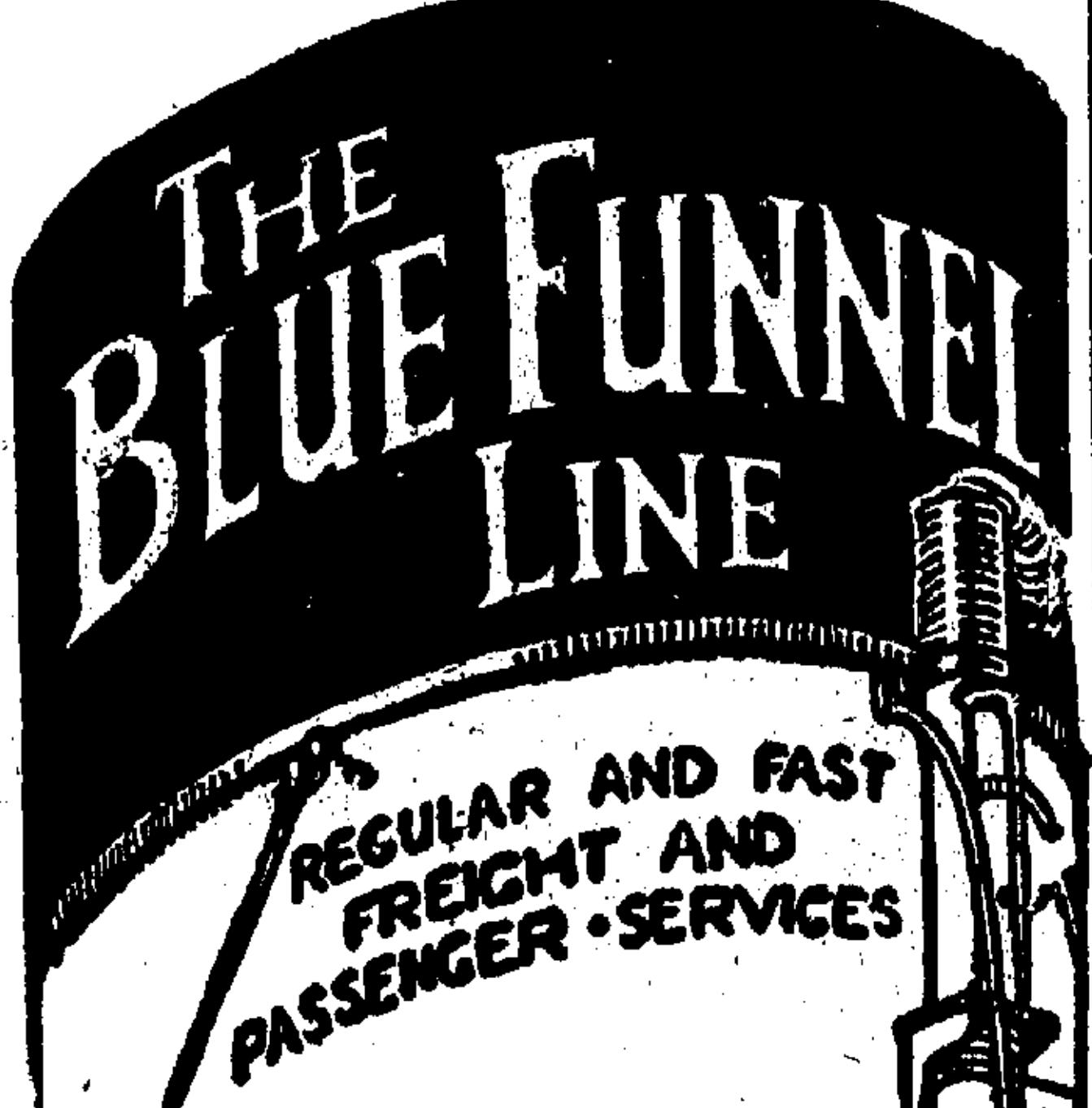
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### SHOT OFFICER

#### Police Were Looking For Him

Barely a minute before the arrival of the military police, who were searching for him, Second-Lieut. Peter Blake, 21, of the Somerset Light Infantry, whose home was at Drummond-grove, Great Barr, Birmingham, shot himself with a revolver in the cloakroom at a West-end hotel, says the News of the World.

This was related to the Westminster coroner, Mr W. Rentier Purchase, at the inquest, when Blake's young widow—a bride of only a few weeks—heard the verdict that her husband took his life while of unsound mind.

Lieut. R. G. Forbes-Basset, of the Military Police, stated that Blake was not stationed in London. He had been absent from his unit and his description had been circulated to all the leading London hotels.

The military police were informed that Blake had arrived at a West-end hotel. When he (Lieut. Bassett) went there the manager said, "Hurry up, because he is sitting in the cloakroom with a revolver in his hand."

**SIGNED AS "CAPTAIN"**  
"I went to the cloakroom, but a minute before I arrived he shot himself," added Lieut. Bassett. "He was wearing captain's insignia. There is no reason why he should have taken his life."

Blake, added the lieutenant, had been issuing cheques, which would have been no good, but they were not presented.

Frank Soul, hotel receptionist, said that Blake arrived at about 4 p.m. He gave the name of Peter Radcliffe, and signed "Captain" after his signature. He said that his batman was bringing his luggage by the next train from Birmingham.

His luggage did not arrive, so he was asked for something on account. He said that he did not have much money, and he asked for a blank cheque. He filled it up, but the signature did not tally with the signature on the registration book.

**CHEQUE NOT ACCEPTED**  
Blake was told, at the enquiry, that the cheque would not be accepted. The military police had been told, and Soul tried to engage Blake in conversation until they arrived. Blake said he would have to leave and went to the cloak-room, where Soul heard a shot fired.

A police sergeant said that Blake had only a few coppers in cash in his pocket, and there was a note addressed "To whoever it may concern," which, the coroner revealed, gave instructions for the disposal of his property.

Mrs. Blake, who did not give evidence at the inquest, afterwards said: "I cannot believe that my husband was in trouble over money, because he had a bank balance."

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live in a more expensive manner than he could. But I can't think of any reason why he should have wanted to kill himself."

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### HITLER'S STRATEGY IN EAST IS NO SECRET

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Hitler's strategy in the east is no secret, involving us it does a drive through the Caucasus to Iran through Afghanistan and then on to India, it is declared in London.

It is held that Nazi preparation for the occupation of Iran is identical with that of all other countries earmarked for German development.

It is known that at the German Legation at Teheran, the Iranian capital, there is installed the usual corps of so-called attaches and experts who are immensely busy—this time with the task of sham industrialisation of an essentially agrarian country.

Iran was also the refuge of Raschid Ali following the ill-fated Iraqi revolt and although he has now left Iran, another dangerous personality remains: the Mufti of Jerusalem—that ace provoker of Palestine strife—also travelled to Teheran and still finds sanctuary there.

Iran was selected by Hitler as a country which could be exploited. These provinces would be of immense strategical value in preparing an advance into the rich Baku oil fields and later his armies would benefit from the groundwork accomplished by resident Nazi-Iranian representatives in any drive on India.

This is the background of Iran, whose 15,000,000 people live in an area three times the size of France, in a country whose climate is arid or semi-arid and whose mountain ranges and deserts form its main defence.

#### RICH PRIZE

Iran has in the past been conquered from the west, east and south, and in those times the invaders were not as desperate as are today's Nazis for Iran's 60,000,000 barrels of oil which her wells produce annually.

### SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF Y.M.C.A.

The European Y.M.C.A. swimming championships commenced last night and resulted as follows:

100 yards back-stroke: 1. E. A. Roberts, 7 mins. 8.4/5 secs.; 2. D. S. Wilson, 8 mins. 2.0/4/8 secs.; 3. F. Willis.

220 yards free-style: 1. A. F. Lay, 2 mins. 46.3/5 secs.; 2. L. A. Benn, 2 mins. 48.3/5 secs.; 3. D. Hutchinson.

In the Boys' 50 yards free-style the only one swimmer, G. Saunders, was clocked at 28 secs.

The championships will be continued tomorrow at 8 p.m.

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